the bottling plant to Tikrikalan have yet to be finalised by the Indian Oil Corporation.

Oil terminal at Paradip

1755. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to set up an oil terminal at Paradip in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in implementing the above proposal; and

(c) what progress has been made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Owing to constraint of resources and consequent inability of the oil industry to take up any tankage schemes other than those of operational necessity, no progress has been made about setting up an oil terminal at Paradip in Orissa.

LPG Bottling Plant in Eastern Region

1756. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation proposes to set up some LPG bottling plants in eastern region;

(b) if so, the various sites selected for the location of those LPG bottling pants;

(c) whether any such site has been selected for the location of LPG bottling plant in Orissa; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Indian Oil Corporation proposes to set up four bottling plants in the Eastern Region at various location as listed below:—

1. Calcutta
2. Balasore
3. Durgapur
4. Jamshedpur

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A site near Balasore has been selected for the bottling plant and the Indian Oil Corporation is in the process of acquiring the land.

Establishment of Head Post Office in Cuttack District

1757. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for establishment of a Head Post office:

(b) what is the number of Head Post Offices which are functioning in Cuttack District of Orissa;

(c) what are the reasons for not establishing Head Post Office at Patamundal in Cuttack District though it fulfils all the requirements for establishing a Head Post Office there; and

(d) whether any Head Post Office has been established in Cuttack district during the last year 1984-85 and so for in 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A new Head Post Office is created by bifurcating the accounts jurisdiction of an existing Head Post Office and upgrading a sub-post office attached to it into a Head Post Office. Under the extent norms, a Head Post Office becomes ripe for bifurcation if a minimum of 60 sub-post offices are attached to it. There is a further stipulation, that both the new and residuary Head Post Offices should each have a minimum of 20 sub-post offices in their accounts jurisdiction..

(b) There are six Head Post Offices functioning in Cuttack District.

(c) No new head Post Offices can be created in view of the extent ban orders imposed by the Government. The case of Pattamundai can be examined on merits only after the ban orders are lifted.

(d) No, Sir.

Corruption in Bharat Leather Corporation

1758. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain cases of corruption in Bharat Leather Corporation have been brought to the notice of the Government by workers' Union;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry into the alleged corruption charges has been conducted by Government; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the corrupt officials of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The Bharat Leather Corporation workers' Union has made various allegations of corruption and mismanagement against the Management of the Company. The allegations are under investigation.

Production of optic fibre cables by Hindustan Cables

1759. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Cables Limited is taking up the production of optic fibre cables; and

(b) if so, what is the cost of the project and the quantity per annum proposed to be produced in the first phase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) M/s. Hindustan Cables Limited have submitted a project report for setting up a plant with a capacity of 40,000 fibre Kilometers of optic fibre cables and 610 associated matching optical line systems per year. The cost of the project would be Rs.2866.98 lakhs. They will in the first phase manufacture: (a) Cabling from imported fibres; (b) Assembly of Optical line system with fully imported pretested line system modules procured under SKD condition; (c) Setting up of in-house R&D facilities.

Tyre prices

1760. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRIMATI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what had been rise in price of tyres during the last three years, year-wise percentage;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reduce the price of tyres; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Indian tyre industry manufactures over two hundred varieties of tyres with about five hundred tread patterns. Tyre companies have revised prices of different types of tyres manufactured by them at different times during the last three years.